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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Olof KRUSE et al.) Confirmation No.: 1494
Application No.: 10/724,051) Group Art Unit: 1755
Filed: December 1, 2003) Examiner: David M. Brunsman
For: METHOD OF MAKING TUNGSTEN)
CARBIDE BASED HARD METAL TOOLS)
OR COMPONENTS)

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

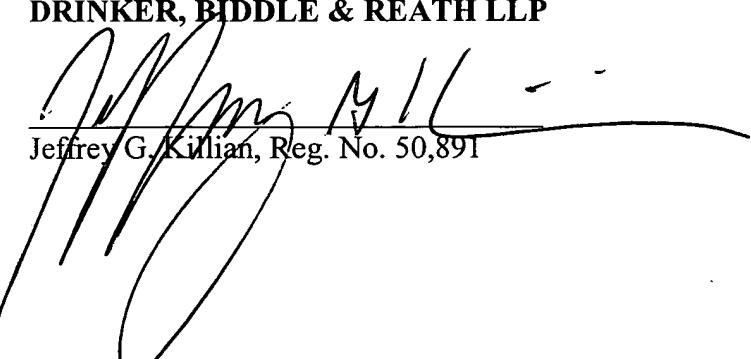
Sir:

An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the Notice of Allowability recently issued in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's statement because it does not accurately reflect the claim language in any one claim. Applicants respectfully assert that each and every claim independently distinguishes over the cited references on their own merits, as delineated in the features of said claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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